



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Airport Department

**DATE:** March 21, 2007  
**TO:** Airport Commission  
**FROM:** Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director  
**SUBJECT:** Consent to Sublease – Spitfire Flight School Aviation, Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Commission approve and authorize the Airport Director to consent to a Sublease between Mercury Air Center – Santa Barbara, Inc. and Spitfire Flight School Aviation, Inc. for operation of an aircraft maintenance shop in Building 121 at 204 William Moffett Place, at the Santa Barbara Airport.

**DISCUSSION:**

The subject Premises is located south of Hollister Avenue in an Airport Facilities (AF) zone.

Spitfire Flight School Aviation, Inc., a flight school operated by Andrea Read, has been providing ground school and in-flight instruction as well as aircraft rental at the Santa Barbara Airport, since March 1, 1999.

In February 2006, Spitfire expanded its services to include aircraft repair. Spitfire currently subleases 10,500 square feet of Hangar 5 from Mercury to provide maintenance services.

Under the Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities, all full service FBOs, are required to provide aircraft and airframe repair services. As Mercury's subtenant, Spitfire's repair services fulfill Mercury's obligation.

**PREPARED BY:** Business & Property Division

**ATTACHMENT:** Map